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ST. CHARLES MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, MO - Michael L. Gulley was indicted for possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

"Nothing we do is more important than protecting children from these predators. We can only make these cases when we have the commitment of local law enforcement. I am very grateful to the St. Charles Police Department for their investigation of this case," said Catherine Hanaway.

Gulley, 45, 3600 block of Ehlmann Road, St. Charles, Missouri, was indicted on one felony count of possession of child pornography. If convicted, this charges carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, followed by supervised release for life.

According to the indictment, in November 2005, Gully possessed seven files containing images of child pornography on his computer.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the St. Charles Police Department, the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Assistant United States Attorney Carrie Costantin, who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.